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NOTICE:

OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED

Monday 13 December 2010
– Friday 21st January 2011

RE-OPENING

Monday 24th January 2011

9.30am – 12 noon

Monday – Friday

Phone: 6584-3676

Web site: www.pmhu3a.org.au

Payment of joining fees for new members and Enrolments for continuing courses will be taken from January 24th up to Enrolment Day on February 1st.

Best wishes to all our U3A members and your families this festive season, from Des Davis and the U3A committee. If on the road, travel safely.

Christmas Party



Date: Thursday December 16th

Time: Drop in between 2.00 & 5.00pm

Where: U3A Centre



The hall will be decked in the Christmas spirit; we will have punch — both Fruit and More than fruit, tasty Christmas treats provided by the U3A and supplemented by contributions from guests (please bring a plate). We'll sing carols and raise some money for charity.

Suggestion in the spirit of Christmas giving: All guests are invited to bring a wrapped gift of an article (either secondhand or purchased) to the value of about \$10 to be placed under the Christmas tree and sold as mystery gifts on the day for \$10 each. All proceeds to go to charity.

RSVP by 9th December at the office or by phone on 6584-3676.

All members welcome!



Your U3A Needs You!!

There are so many interesting people living in the Hastings area.

The big task is to locate them.

So many people don't realize that they have a great story to tell. Sharing knowledge and stories encourages others

to think and, at our age, thinking is important.

Do you know a taxidermist, an archaeologist, a taxi driver or a wharfie?

Or perhaps an ornithologist, an elocutionist or someone who grew up on the other side of Bourke?

In fact, it's harder to find a person who hasn't got a story to tell. We are looking for Presenters (a one-off lecture) or Convenors (a series of lectures). If you know or know of such people, could you please phone Frank Jennings on 6584 5425 or email befrank@tsn.cc or phone Eric Graham on 6581-1647 or email on ericsgraham@bigpond.com

You don't necessarily need to know the person. We'll contact them and encourage them to come along to PMH U3A.

DO IT NOW!! ■

What's On!

U3A Christmas Party

Thursday 16th December 2010 from 2.00–5.00pm. Drop in any time. Festivities, carols and treats. Come join us!

Christmas Parties – Any classes wishing to have the use of the U3A Rooms from say 4 – 6pm or 5 – 7pm (end of Term 4) for their Christmas /End of Year Party, please call Delwyn Hatton, Publicity Officer on 6582-1885 to be placed on the Bookings List.

Enrolment Day – Term 1 2011

Tuesday 1st February 2011 from 1.30-2.30pm, U3A Centre, Warlters Street, Port Macquarie.

Start of Term 1: Monday 7th of February 2011.

Market Day at the U3A Centre

Cancelled due to lack of interest.

For contributions to What's on! if any classes/groups would like to contribute to the "What's On" column in the future, please leave the written information at the U3A office for the Publicity Officer or email to publicityofficer@pmhu3a.org.au

Ursula's absence

Ursula Bruce is absent from duty for family reasons. She expects this will continue until about Enrolment Day the first of February. Her work is being taken on by busy committee members. Contacts for the 2011 Term 1 program will be:

Robyn Morgan: continuing courses 6584-9455.

Eric Graham: new courses and course development 6581-1647.

Brian Tolagson will assist with venue matters. Des Davis and Sue Clifford will continue to help with editing and publishing the course brochure. ■

'We all have something to give.

So if you know how to read, find someone who can't.

If you've got a hammer, find a nail.

If you're not hungry, not lonely, not in trouble – seek out someone who is.'

— George Herbert Walker Bush

Submitted by Les Smith.

PMHU3A Web Site www.pmhu3a.org.au



As some of you will be aware we have spent some time now preparing a web site to help you enjoy your U3A.

Your web site includes copies of all newsletters, the current course schedule and a calendar of all events and courses. Importantly, while we try to keep changes to courses to a minimum, some changes are inevitable. We do make sure that these changes are published on the web site as soon as possible.

You can find the contact information for your committee and the support people on the site. You can send a message from the web site where we make sure that email addresses are up to date.

There are also photographs taken at PMHU3A events and around our beautiful locality.

But wait, for members, there is more!

If you are a member of PMHU3A and log on to your web site then there is much more for you.

You can make sure that the information that we have about you is correct and change any errors. You can check your financial status, add some biographical information and a photo, if you wish.

You can find the contact information for your course convenors and send them a message via email and read about the courses that they offer.

And for those who miss courses or can't fit in a course due to busy schedules (too much retiring to do), we are now beginning to publish course notes prepared by your convenors and any course attendees who have something to offer.

Matthew Wallace is about to begin a set of workshops that will help convenors add more material – notes, photographs, links to related articles on the web and videos.

Finally, we plan to include the draft schedule for the next term. This will only be available to members who log on.

All intended to make our U3A better and better! There is more on the site and more will be added in the future.

So have a look, log in and give it a try. Send us any suggestions to make it better still.

Fill in the two boxes below. Your user name is generally of the form 'FBlogs'. You can use your email address instead of your user name. If you can't log in, [click here first](#). If all else fails contact the [membership team](#)

Your user name is, for example, FBlogs (if your name is Fred Blogs). If that doesn't work – we may have more than one FBlogs – use your email address. To find out what your password is follow the instructions on the web site. That is 'If you have forgotten your user name or password, click here'. Follow the instructions and your user name or a new password will be sent to your email address.

If you aren't successful, please contact the membership team Bob Gerdes, John Jones and Margaret Lennon on memberteam@pmhu3a.org.au who will be able to help you. ■

U3A Annual Conference 2011

The U3A NSW Network is an association of all the U3As in NSW and is also part of a National Network. Port Macquarie Hastings U3A is part of that network. Each year the Network holds a Conference in different parts of the state. In April 2012 that conference will be hosted by us here in Port Macquarie. The conference is a two-day affair with distinguished guest speakers, demonstrations, workshops, a dinner and ample opportunities to meet and share ideas with U3A members from all over the state and even interstate. The Annual General Meeting is held, the State Committee elected and the host U3A organises some local tours for the visitors. We will have all next year to organise the big event.

Meanwhile the 2011 conference is being held in Sydney on April 28th-29th. Guest speakers include Barry Jones, who needs

no introduction, Bob Ellis, the well known commentator and controversial political “tragic” and Professor Julie Byles internationally respected expert on women’s health and aging. One session will be devoted to the Creative Arts with something akin to our “U3A has talent”. It is an enjoyable and informative occasion and we hope some of our members will attend and gain some experience for our own conference in 2012. Registration forms and more details are available from the office or from Des Davis, who is on the State Committee. ■

A thank you to Di

A big warm thank you to Di Roods, Hastings United Bootscooters, for teaching us to Linedance. Her classes are professional, informative, interesting and, most of all, good fun.

Poetry Competition

The NSW U3A Network is conducting a Poetry Competition in association with the 2011 Annual Conference in Sydney in April. No more than five entries will be accepted from any single U3A.

The poems selected as the best will be read out at the Annual meeting by the author if he or she wishes or, if they prefer, by a reader nominated by the Network. The Network has in fact invited our own Faye Davis to be the reader. The authors of the selected poems will receive a \$100 book voucher from the Co-op Bookshop, redeemable in person, by post or online; winners will be given details. Winning entries will also be posted on the U3A NSW Network web site.

The Network reserves the right to publish any or all of the entries received in the competition in a book, for later sale, as a

Network fund raiser. Authors whose work is included will receive a complimentary copy, if the book is published.

We will conduct our own competition, open to members only, from which we will select five entries to be forwarded to the Network. Judges may not enter. Entry forms are available in the office.

Conditions of entry are:

1. Poems of any genre not exceeding 36 lines on a topic that illustrates some aspect of U3A.
2. No more than two entries per person will be accepted.
3. Poems to be submitted on a single

Moving matters

Our current location, the Warlters Street property, was sold by the Catholic church on Friday November 12th. The sale is expected to be finalised by June 30th 2011. We may have to vacate the premises by then.

The church has offered us a block of land and two buildings. Des Davis, Les Smith and myself are wading through the minefield of the state’s new “fast tracked” development process but, at this time, it is unlikely we will be able to meet the deadline. We are being assisted by Tony Thorne from King & Campbell. At least three meetings are being held each week between ourselves, the project manager, the church, state and local agencies and politicians.

We’ll update everyone via newsletter and the web site when we have something concrete to report. — *Brian Tolagson* ■

sheet, stapled to an entry form. There is no entry fee.

4. The author’s name must not appear on the poem itself. Entries should be handed in or mailed to the U3A office in a sealed envelope marked “Poetry Competition”.
5. Poems should be submitted no later than January 10th, 2011, but preferably sooner. The office will be open that afternoon for a committee meeting.
6. The entry form will be the same one we forward on to the Network if your poem is chosen by our assessors to be an entry from our U3A. ■

Entry Form: U3A NETWORK NSW Inc. 2011 Poetry Competition

Name

Address

Phone: Email

Member of U3A

Title of poem

I certify that this is my own original work. I give permission to the U3A Network NSW Inc. to include my work in a book of U3A poetry if it decides to produce such a book for sale, while acknowledging my copyright of the work.

Signature

What's a man to do when he's already got a "Mo"?

Frank Jennings wishes to express his appreciation for the generous members of the Friday 12th November classes who donated \$150 for Movember Men's Health. The money goes to the Prostate Foundation and *beyondblue*.

After this performance Frank thinks it might be time for him to contact *beyondblue* or another mental health care provider! ■



Reminder

Don't forget to drop your 50¢ into the tin for morning or afternoon tea.

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NEXT ENROLMENT DAY – Tuesday the 1st of February 2011, 1.30 – 2.30pm at the U3A Centre, Warlters Street, Port Macquarie.

LATE ENROLMENT up to 3 weeks after the start of a course are welcome in many courses. You **MUST** contact the Course Convenor first to ascertain if additional members are being accepted.

For late enrolment, you pay only for the rest of the term. Pay at the office or post your remittance to the Treasurer with a covering note and initial the attendance form to show you have paid. If less than \$5 is owed, postage stamps will be accepted as payment. Names cannot be entered on the Attendance Sheet unless

accommodation fees have been paid. Money **CANNOT** be paid to the Course Convenor during the term.

NAME BADGES – ALWAYS wear your name badge when attending classes and U3A activities. Write your emergency contact details on the back of your badge.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMAIL – Please inform the Office on 6584 3676 if you move house or change your email address.

NEWSLETTER contributions are welcome – We reserve the right to edit material submitted for publication. Copyright of original material remains with the author.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND PRIVACY

– If you have an objection to having your photograph or name in the on-line gallery or in our Newsletter, please write to the Secretary and make this fact known. We will always respect your privacy but must first be aware of your need.

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